

# TITLE 21 - OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

## CHAPTER 10 – BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

*Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the Board of Chiropractic Examiners intends to amend the rule cited as 21 NCAC 10 .0203.*

**Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c):** [www.ncchiroboard.com](http://www.ncchiroboard.com)

**Proposed Effective Date:** *October 1, 2022*

**Public Hearing:**

**Date:** *May 31, 2022*

**Time:** *10:00 a.m.*

**Location:**

*Join Zoom Meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86228348189?pwd=K0I3NWdBRmVUTTdQUE1GN3hmUU9WUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86228348189?pwd=K0I3NWdBRmVUTTdQUE1GN3hmUU9WUT09;);*

*Meeting ID: 862 2834 8189;*

*Passcode: 014380*

**Reason for Proposed Action:** *To clarify which national board exams are required for licensure and to clarify which exams are required for reciprocity applicants.*

**Comments may be submitted to:** *Dr. Joe Siragusa, NC Board of Chiropractic Examiners, 9121 Anson Way, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27615*

**Comment period ends:** *July 15, 2022*

**Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review:** If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit written objections to the Rules Review Commission after the adoption of the Rule. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections after the adoption of the Rule in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or facsimile transmission. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please call a Commission staff attorney at 984-236-1850.

**Fiscal impact. Does any rule or combination of rules in this notice create an economic impact? Check all that apply.**

- State funds affected
- Local funds affected
- Substantial economic impact ( $\geq$  \$1,000,000)
- Approved by OSBM
- No fiscal note required

### SECTION .0200 - PRACTICE OF CHIROPRACTIC

#### 21 NCAC 10 .0203 NORTH CAROLINA EXAMINATION

(a) Eligibility. Only those applicants who meet the requirements of this Rule and G.S. 90-143 or, in the case of reciprocity applicants, G.S. 90-143.1, and who have submitted a written application and paid the non-refundable application fee pursuant to Rule 21 NCAC 10 .0202 shall be allowed to take the North Carolina examination.

(b) Dates of Examination. The North Carolina examination shall be given at least four times during the calendar year and will be scheduled based on the number of applications received. The Board shall announce an examination date not less than 30 days in advance, and the date of upcoming examinations shall be published on the Board's website, [www.ncchiroboard.com](http://www.ncchiroboard.com). The Board shall also individually notify each eligible applicant of the date of the next examination after the applicant's non-refundable application fee has been paid and the written application completed.

(c) National Boards. Except as provided in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, in order to take the North Carolina examination, an applicant who has never been licensed in this State or who is not a reciprocity applicant shall first achieve a score of 375 or higher on Parts I-IV ~~of the examinations~~ and the Physiotherapy examination given by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

(d) Report of Scores. The applicant shall arrange for his or her test results from any National Board examination to be reported to the North Carolina Board. Failure to comply with this Paragraph shall be a basis for delaying the issuance of a license.

(e) Waiver of National Boards. Notwithstanding the requirements of Paragraph (c) of this Rule, an applicant who submits National Board examinations in conformity with the following schedule shall not be disqualified from licensure in North Carolina:

- (1) An applicant who graduated from chiropractic college before July 1, 1966 shall not be required to submit a score from any National Board examination.

- (2) An applicant who graduated from chiropractic college between July 1, 1966 and June 30, 1986 shall be required to submit scores of 375 or higher on National Board Part I, Part II, and the elective examination termed "Physiotherapy," but shall not be required to submit a score on Part III (WCCE) or Part IV.
- (3) An applicant who graduated from chiropractic college between July 1, 1986 and June 30, 1997 shall be required to submit scores of 375 or higher on National Board Part I, Part II, the elective examination termed "Physiotherapy," and Part III, but shall not be required to submit a score on Part IV.

In order to receive a license, an applicant who qualifies for a waiver of any National Board score shall take and pass the SPEC examination and the North Carolina Examination pursuant to G.S. 90-143.3 and Rule .0202 of this Chapter.

(f) SPEC Examination. In order to take the North Carolina examination, a reciprocity applicant, a waiver applicant pursuant to Paragraph (e) of this Rule, or an applicant previously licensed in this State whose license has been cancelled pursuant to G.S. 90-155 for more than 180 days shall first take and pass the Special Purpose Examination for Chiropractic ("SPEC"). The SPEC exam is administered by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners. The passing score shall be 375 or higher. Reciprocity applicants and waiver applicants pursuant to Paragraph (e) of this Rule who have achieved a score of 375 or higher on Part IV of the National Board examination shall not be required to take and pass the SPEC exam prior to licensure.

(g) Nature of Examination. The North Carolina examination shall be a test of an applicant's knowledge of North Carolina chiropractic jurisprudence. The passing grade shall be 75 percent.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 90-142; 90-143; 90-143.1; 90-143.3; 90-144; 90-145; 90-146;  
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Readopted Eff. January 27, 1978;  
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Legislative Objection Lodged Eff. January 31, 1983;  
Curative Amendment Eff. February 18, 1983;  
Temporary Amendment Eff. May 1, 1998;  
Amended Eff. October 1, 2018; April 1, 2018; February 1, 2009; July 1, 2004; August 1, 2000; August 1, 1995;  
December 1, 1988;  
Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. April 27, 2019;  
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